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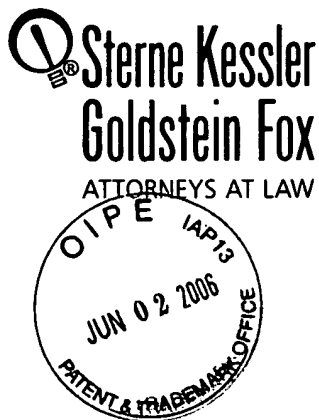
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Re: Allowed U.S. Utility Patent Application  
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Sir:

In response to the **Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due** dated March 2, 2006, the following documents are forwarded for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office:

1. Issue Fee Transmittal (Form PTOL-85B);
2. Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. §1.312;
3. Submission of Drawings;
4. Eleven (11) sheets of Replacement drawings, approval of which is respectfully requested;
5. Notification of Loss of Entitlement to Small Entity Status Under 37 C.F.R. §1.27(g)(2) When Issue Fee is Due;
6. Credit Card Payment Form (PTO-2038) for \$1,409.00 to cover:  
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7. One (1) Return postcard.

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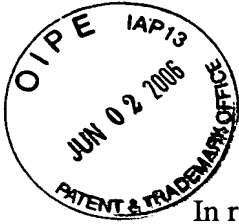
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**Submission of Drawings**

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Submitted herewith are eleven sheets of Replacement drawings with Figure(s) 1-10 and Table 1, corresponding to the above-captioned application. Identification of the drawing(s) is provided in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.84(c). Acknowledgment of the receipt, approval, and entry of these drawing(s) into this application is respectfully requested.

It is not believed that an extension of time is required, other than any already provided herewith. However, if an extension of time is needed to prevent abandonment of the application, then such extension of time is hereby petitioned. The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

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